

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A friction brake, comprising:  
having a rotatable brake body; ~~having~~  
a friction brake lining; ~~[[,] and having~~  
an actuating device with which the friction brake lining can be pressed against  
the brake body, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the friction brake lining (10) has a band  
brake (34), whose brake band (36) is operatively connected to the actuating device (22),  
so that a tensile stress on the brake band (36) drives the actuating device (22) in the  
direction of pressing the friction brake lining (18) against the brake body (14), wherein  
the actuating device has a screw gear (22) with a rotatable drive element (26) and with  
a power takeoff element (24), displaceable by rotation of the drive element (26), for  
pressing the friction brake lining (18) against the brake body (14), and wherein one end  
(38) of the brake band (36) eccentrically engages the drive element (26) of the screw  
gear (22).

2. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein  
the band brake (34) has a tensing device (40) with a tensing element (58, 60) for  
tensing the brake band (36), and the tensing element (58, 60) for tensing the brake  
band (36) can be pressed against a portion (64, 66) of the brake band (36) that leads  
away at a tangent from a drum (16) of the band brake (34).

3. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tensing device (40) of the band brake (34) has two tensing elements (58, 60), which for tensing the brake band (36) can be pressed against two portions (64, 66) of the brake band (36) that lead away from the drum (16) of the band brake (34).

4. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the two tensing elements (58, 60) are movable toward one another and can be pressed against outer sides, facing away from one another, of the portions (64, 66) of the brake band (36) that lead away from the drum (16) of the band brake (34).

5. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tensing element (58, 60) has a nut (58), which is displaceable by driving a spindle (42) to rotate.

6. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the two tensing elements (58, 60) each have one nut (58), and the two nuts (58) are disposed on a common spindle (42) with two opposed threads (44, 46) for the two nuts (58) and are displaceable in opposite directions by rotation of the spindle (42).

7. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the spindle (42) is axially displaceable.

8. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the tensing device (40) has an electric motor (56) for driving the spindle  
(42) to rotate.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The friction brake of claim 1 9, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the two ends (38) of the brake band (36) eccentrically engage the drive  
element (26) of the screw gear (22), so that a tensile stress on the brake band  
(36), via both ends (38) of the brake band (36), exerts a torque in the same  
direction on the drive element (26).